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Title: Harvesting Machine
Inventor: Bobby Ray Ricks
Docket No. SUT103

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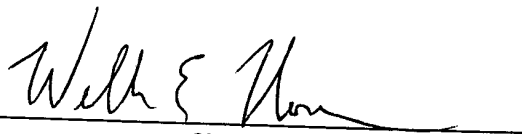
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